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## BMV branches to re-open Saturday

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) branches were closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours on Saturday, Nov. 28. For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you visit [IN.gov/BMV](http://IN.gov/BMV).

## ISP Peru Post is participating in Click It or Ticket through Sunday

Troopers working from the Indiana State Police (ISP) Peru Post will be increasing seat belt enforcement through Sunday, Nov. 29 as part of the national Click It or Ticket campaign. For more information, visit [thertightseat.com](http://thertightseat.com) or [www.childseat.in.gov](http://www.childseat.in.gov).

## NMHS plans 'Market @ the Museum' event

The staff at the North Manchester Center for History (NMCH) has been working on its last event for 2020, "Market @ the Museum." Area artisans are going to be selling their wares from Dec. 1 to 12. Booths will be spaced throughout our main floor giving plenty of area for social distancing. Masks will be required while in

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# ISDH now rates local COVID-19 spread as red, the highest level

Also on Wednesday, the state reported the 21st Wabash County death

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, the ISDH reported the 21st COVID-19 death in Wabash County and also moved the rating for local COVID-19 spread from orange to red, the highest level.

The rating was using data as of 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. The county metrics map is updated at noon Wednesdays and reflects data through the previous Sunday.

The rising local cases have led to a number of local restrictions, including the closing of Wabash City Hall except for appointments.

During Monday's Wabash City Council meeting, Mayor Scott Long said their next

meeting was set for 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14. Long said this meeting would be conducted online, as all local meetings have been since the recent uptick in cases.

Long said he hoped to move to open things back up once the local positivity ratings went down again.

"(For the) positivity rate, we want to see it get back to 5 percent. Overall testing, we're over 16 percent and individual tests are nearing 30 percent," said Long.

Earlier this week, Wabash Friends Church opened a portion of their facility for a free COVID-19 testing site, on the north side of the building. Signs will be in place directing those wishing to be tested

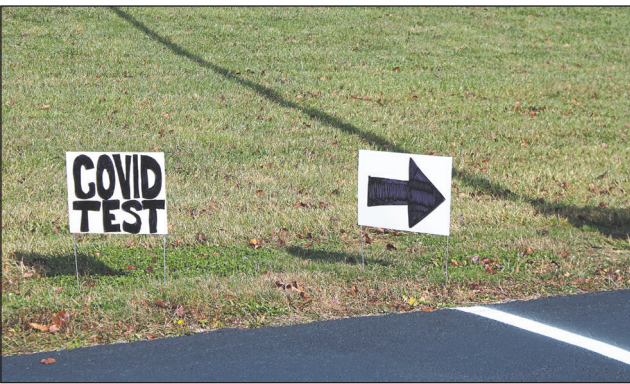


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which way to enter. The testing will be offered from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1 to Saturday, Dec. 5.

"You must wear a mask to enter the testing site and it must remain on at all times

unless staff directs you to lower it during the test," said Long. "There is no charge for the testing, however, you may be asked for insurance information. This testing is available to anyone from the area, not just Wabash or Wabash County residents. We

are pleased to assist the ISDH with holding this testing clinic and are blessed to be able to partner with Wabash Friends Church."

Otherwise, the ISDH only lists one testing site available in Wabash County, which is the Parkview FirstCare Walk-In Clinic, 1655 Cass St., Wabash. An appointment is required and it is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Patients must be symptomatic to be tested. Insurance co-pay, credit card and cash are accepted for payment. For more information, call 877-774-8632.

## Long-term care facilities

The ISDH's long-term care facilities dashboard was

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# Black Friday 2020



Photo by Alina Reed / Plain Dealer

Maria Smyth assists local shopper looking for Christmas gifts.

## Local businesses host annual sales

By ALINA REED

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

Black Friday is a well-known event following Thanksgiving. This is usually seen as the biggest shopping day of the year as it is the commencement of the U.S. Christmas shopping season. Businesses big and small have some of the best deals of the year during this time. With the pandemic, this year's shopping holiday looks

different than in years past.

Maria Smyth, owner of the Eclectic Shoppe, loves the collaboration among the inner and business community within Wabash.

"Black Friday is very different this year due to not having the same traffic flow that we've had in past years," said Smyth.

The Eclectic Shoppe is one of the various downtown stores offering curbside pickup, gift wrap services, and local delivery during these times. This has helped to continue to promote the business while also servicing their cus-

tomers.

"Since the pandemic started, we have had to pivot. We started utilizing Facebook live on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. We also have beefed up our website and have continued to promote on social media since that is where a lot of traffic is due to the virus," said Smyth.

Making switches to online services seems to be the trend with local shops. By switching, this allows the business to continue receiving the same traffic as they would during a holiday season without a pandemic.

Downtown Wabash seemed to not have as much in-person circulation as usual. This could be due to the online services being provided by businesses currently.

Businesses have taken quite a hit with the pandemic this year. Thankfully these stores can stay open during this holiday season. Holidays, like Black Friday and Small Business Saturday, assist these businesses by allowing the community to support them.

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# ACLU's Wabash County Jail lawsuit continues

Judge asks for more evidence to allow class certification

By ROB BURGESS

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The lawsuit filed earlier this year regarding overcrowding in the Wabash County Jail continues after the court asked for additional evidence of class certification.

The lawsuit was filed in February in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana South Bend Division by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana on behalf

of Wabash County Jail inmates Jerry Copeland, John Whitt and James Dutton against Wabash County and Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker.

On Monday, Ken Falk, legal director at the ACLU of Indiana, said they had sought class certification in the case, but that they "had not presented enough evidence to demonstrate that."

"But they gave us the opportunity to submit more evidence which we are in the process of collecting. So, the case is definitely proceeding," said Falk.

The ACLU of Indiana has filed overcrowding lawsuits in more than a dozen county



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

The Wabash County Jail is above its rated capacity 100 percent of the time and has been since at least 2016.

jails, including six ongoing cases in Allen, Gibson, Henry, Marshall, Vigo and Wabash counties, and one case open for monitoring in Mon-

roe County.

"It is funny because I've done 20, 30 jail cases. I've

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# City Council sets WCS board interviews

Five candidates set to be questioned from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3

By ROB BURGESS

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At Monday's Wabash City Council meeting, Mitch Figert, District 1 councilman, said interviews for the five candidates for the two upcoming vacancies on the Wabash City Schools (WCS) board would be scheduled for the following week.

Figert said there would be 20 minutes allotted for council members to question each of the prospective WCS board members.

Terry Brewer, District 3 councilman, said his uncle, Richard (Dick) Brewer, was one of the candidates. Therefore, he volunteered to sit idle during his questioning and would abstain from any final votes regarding him.

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# County seeks funding for Bridge No. 143 replacement

Local match approved at Monday's Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting

By ROB BURGESS

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At Monday's Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting, Cole Wyatt, Wabash County Highway Department supervisor, submitted a proposal to fund a long-discussed bridge-replacement project involving one of the more controversial stretches of road in the county.


The measure was approved unanimously by the commissioners.

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County auditor, said the

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updated with data as of Wednesday, Nov. 18 and was updated on Wednesday, Nov. 25. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Wednesdays. New positive cases and deaths have occurred over a range of dates but were reported to the ISDH seven days prior to the last dashboard update.

During the most recent update, in Wabash County:

■ Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester reported fewer than five new resident cases, six total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 13 staff positive cases.

■ Vernon Health and Rehabilitation reported five new resident positive cases, fewer than five new resident deaths, 21 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 19 staff positive cases.

■ Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash East reported fewer than five each total resident positive cases and staff positive cases.

■ Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, 52 total resident positive cases, seven total resident deaths and 101 staff positive cases.

■ Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash West reported fewer than five each total resident positive cases and staff positive cases.

■ Wellbrooke of Wabash reported five new resident positive cases, total resident positive cases and eight staff positive cases.

■ Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Centre reported five new resident positive cases, seven total resident positive cases and seven staff positive cases.

■ Rolling Meadows Health Care Center in LaFontaine reported 44 total resident positive cases, 10 total resident deaths and 11 staff positive cases.

School figures

The ISDH’s latest school dashboard results are as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 and were updated Monday, Nov. 23. The dashboard is updated weekly at midnight Mondays.

Statewide, 220 schools reported no cases, 1,755 reported one or more case and 391 have not reported.

In Wabash County, only Saint Bernard Elementary School and White’s Jr./Sr. High School have reported to the ISDH that they have no cases.

During the latest update, Wabash County schools with one or more confirmed cases included:

■ Manchester Jr./Sr. High School (MHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, fewer than five new teacher positive cases, fewer than five new staff positive cases, 18 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and eight total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Elementary School (MES) reported fewer than five each new teacher positive cases, new staff positive cases, total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Intermediate School (MIS) reported fewer than five total student positive cases.

■ Metro North Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases and total teacher positive cases.

■ Sharp Creek Elementary School reported fewer than five each total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Northfield Jr./Sr. High School (NHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, fewer than five new staff positive cases, 16 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive

cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ O.J. Neighbours Elementary School reported fewer than five each new student positive cases, new teacher positive cases, total student positive cases and total teacher positive cases.

■ Wabash Middle School reported seven new student positive cases and seven total student positive cases.

■ Wabash High School reported fewer than five new student positive cases, seven total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Southwood Jr/Sr High School (SHS) reported fewer than five each new student positive cases, total student positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Southwood Elementary School reported fewer than five each new staff positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

On the Manchester Community Schools’ (MCS) own dashboard the information is updated once contact tracing is complete and all close contacts have been notified. MCS defines close contact is when an individual is within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of someone with confirmed COVID-19.

“The Wabash County Health Department determined close contacts in conjunction with school personnel and advised us who to quarantine,” stated MCS.

The individually reported MCS cases include:

■ Sept. 28: One case each at MES and MHS, with five people quarantined.

■ Oct. 10: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Oct. 14: One case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Oct. 15: One case at MES, with five people quarantined. And one case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Oct. 16: One case at MHS, with 34 people quarantined.

■ Oct. 20: One case at MHS, with no additional people quarantined.

■ Oct. 21: One case at MIS, with one person quarantined.

■ Oct. 28: One case at MHS, with no additional people quarantined.

■ Nov. 2: One case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 3: Two cases at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 4: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 4: One case at MIS with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 5: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 6: One case at MES, and one case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 8: One case at MCS Transportation, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 9: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 10: Three cases at MHS, with three people quarantined; and one case at MES, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 13: One case at MHS, with three people quarantined.

■ Nov. 14: One case at MHS, with three people quarantined.

■ Nov. 16: Two cases at MHS, with seven people quarantined; one case at MCS Transportation including all schools in the district, with 25 people quarantined; and one case at MHS, with five people quarantined.

■ Nov. 17: One case at MES, with 22 people quarantined; and one case at MCS Transportation, with four people quarantined.

■ Nov. 19: One case at MHS, with six people quarantined; and one case at MCS Transportation, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 20: Two cases at MHS, with 15 people quarantined.

■ Nov. 22: One case at MES, with 11 people quarantined.

■ Nov. 23: One case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 24: Four cases at MHS, with 24 people quarantined.

■ Nov. 25: One case at MHS, with four people quarantined.

Schools of higher learning are not listed on the ISDH schools dashboard. However, Manchester University maintains its own, separate dashboard.

“As planned from the beginning of the academic year, on Monday, Nov. 23, students transitioned to remote learning and have left campus to complete the semester. We have paused testing until students return to campus next semester. The data below represents the fall semester totals,” stated the school’s dashboard.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 24, there had been 1,987 tests performed, with 98.3 percent of those being negative, and 1.7 percent being positive. Also, there had been 36 self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus, and nine on the Fort Wayne campus.

On Friday, Abby Van Vlerah, vice president for student life at Manchester University, said they had not planned any additional testing of students for the remainder of the year.

“We will start it back up when the students return to campus in the spring.

Official first testing date (is) still (to be determined),” said Van Vlerah.

Local figures

On Wednesday, the ISDH reported 45 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 1,625, with 9,592 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 17.3 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 30.7 percent.

On Thursday, the ISDH reported 56 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 1,681 with 9,701 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 17.2 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 30.4 percent.

On Friday, the ISDH reported 47 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 1,681 with 9,840 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 17.1 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 30.2 percent.

Statewide figures

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 5,700 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 324,537 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

A total of 5,328 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 33 from the previous day. Another 266 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by the state and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 2,162,110 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 2,145,727 on Thursday. A total of 4,148,596 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26.

In addition to the Wabash testing site, the ISDH will offer free drive-thru testing from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at:

■ Clay County Testing, 911 Bonnie Geyne Miller Drive, Brazil.






■ St. Timothy Church – Gary, 1600 W. 25th Ave., Gary.

■ Batesville Fire Department, 115 E. Catherine St., Batesville.

To find testing sites around the state, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.





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### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Saturday</b> Sunny 46 / 29	 <b>Sunday</b> Mostly Cloudy 48 / 32	 <b>Monday</b> Rain & Snow Possible 36 / 24	 <b>Tuesday</b> Scattered Snow 32 / 22	 <b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy 36 / 23
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### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 5:20 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:43 a.m.

 Full 11/30	 Last 12/7	 New 12/14	 First 12/21
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### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies, high temperature of 46°, humidity of 53%. West wind 7 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 29°. South wind 5 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 26°. Sunday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high temperature of 49°, humidity of 54%. South southwest wind 7 mph.

JAIL

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done so many that I’ve actually gone back now to do second-generation (lawsuits) against people I’ve sued before. And almost invariably, no one is surprised, I mean no one comes in and says, ‘We have a perfect jail. What are you talking about?’ Everyone knows there’s a problem, but no one gets elected to office saying we need a spanking new jail,” said Falk.

The Wabash County Jail regularly houses more than 100 persons and the membership of the proposed class is constantly changing as prisoners enter and leave the facility. The current jail was constructed in 1979, with some renovations in 2006. The jail contains 72 permanent, operational beds. The jail is linear in structure, with various sized cell blocks containing individual cells

and a small area outside of the cells that contains tables and chairs, known as a “day room.” The cells that are designed to house more than one prisoner have two beds, arranged on top of one another like bunk beds.

Under Indiana law, county jails are periodically inspected by Indiana Department of Correction (DOC) jail inspectors. The most recent inspection of the jail was conducted in February 2019. At the time of the February inspection of the jail, the DOC’s jail inspector noted that on the day of inspection the jail exceeded its rated capacity and that there was not a bed for all the prisoners. At the time of the inspection, the jail housed 108 inmates, and an additional 64 inmates were being temporarily housed out of the county.

Wabash County Commissioners have in public meetings indicated that the jail is chronically overcrowded

and that the county urgently needs a new jail. During one such meeting in October 2019, Baker was given unanimous approval by the commissioners for an inter-local governmental agreement with Elkhart County to house Wabash County Jail inmates at a rate of \$40 per day through the end of 2020. County Attorney Steve Downs had previously given his approval to the agreement. At the time, Baker said the county routinely sends inmates to both Miami and Elkhart counties “because we have more prisoners than beds.”

The Wabash County Jail is above its rated capacity 100 percent of the time and has been since at least 2016.

Baker said they do not comment on current or pending litigation.

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BRIDGE

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proposal for the Community Crossings grant has a local match of 20 percent. Shepherd said the county portion would be \$436,000 for the bridge on 1050 South over Grant Creek.

Wyatt said the letter which was submitted and approved was to seek funding for the replacement of Bridge No. 143.

Wabash County Bridge No. 144 has been unusable due to flood damage for over two years, and a group of nearby residents has become more and more concerned they will be permanently left with only one way in and out of their homes and businesses.

The bridge on the east end of that road, Bridge No. 143, has needed repairs as well.

In June, Wyatt said they

were still “pursuing an avenue that would allow us, in a fiscally responsible manner, to reopen Bridge No. 144.”

Wyatt said the consultant for the project, B.F.&S., had been in contact with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to explore options with the design of the bank stabilization portion of the project.

“That portion of the project would not be eligible for the the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program,” said Wyatt.

Wyatt said they were made aware of some issues with this Bridge No. 143’s elevation and would be taking them into account when designing its replacement to ensure that the bridge would never be closed to due flooding.

“The elevation issues with this bridge are very minor relative to those that exist at

(Bridge No.) 144,” said Wyatt.

Wyatt said that once construction was to begin, the residents that reside on 1050 South, west of Bridge No. 143 would “obviously” maintain access to their homes during construction.

“The public would also maintain access to the car top boat launch and other recreational opportunities that exist along 1050 South,” said Wyatt. “I think anyone who examines the amount of funding that is available to maintain bridges throughout the county and looks at this situation objectively would conclude that we cannot address both bridges on 1050 South and Bridge No. 143 is the better candidate to service the community.”

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WCS BOARD

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Douglas Lehman, city attorney, said this would be an acceptable solution.

On Tuesday, Figert said during this process, “council members review the submitted applications and usually ask about professional experience, involvement with the school system and community engagement.”

“Personally, I usually ask about their community involvement, what motivated them to seek the position and what they hope to add to the board if selected,” said Figert.

Also on Tuesday, Bev Vanderpool, assistant to Mayor Scott Long, said the interviews had been scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 on Zoom.

The schedule will be:

■ 5:30 to 5:40 p.m.: Council prep time

■ 5:40 to 6 p.m.: Richard (Dick) Brewer

■ 6 to 6:20 p.m.: Jason Fry

■ 6:20 to 6:40 p.m.: Rodney Kelsheimer

■ 6:40 to 7 p.m.: Clint Kugler

■ 7 to 7:20 p.m.: Corey Phillipy

■ 7:20 to 7:30 p.m.: Final discussion

The Zoom Meeting ID will be 816 3694 1581 and the passcode will be 662629.

Unlike MSD and Manchester Community Schools, WCS board members are appointed instead of being elected.

Figert said the Wabash City Council appoints the five

board members to the WCS board.


Figert said they are one of the few school boards in the state of Indiana that is appointed, not elected.

The chosen WCS appointees will begin service on Jan. 1, 2021 and serve for four years.

Rod Kelsheimer, board president, said his seat would be one of the two openings to fill on the board, along with the seat currently held by Tony Pulley, board vice president.

Kelsheimer said the terms for both seats would expire at the end of this year, and that he was seeking reappointment.

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OBITUARIES

Faith Zoe Rider

Dec. 28, 1932 – Nov. 26, 2020



Faith Zoe Rider, 87, formerly of Wabash, Indiana, died at 9:15 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020 at Prairie Lakes in Noblesville, Indiana. She was born Dec. 28, 1932 in White County, Indiana, to Chester and Iona (McCloud) Reynolds.

Faith was a 1951 graduate of Wabash High School, and also attended the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne. She married Ronald H. Rider at the Wabash Street Methodist Church on May 10, 1952; he died Sept. 2, 2017. She worked for General Telephone in Fort Wayne and Wabash, retiring after 29 years. She was a member of the Wabash Presbyterian Church. Faith enjoyed knitting and oil painting.

She is survived by five children, Barry L. (Donna) Rider of Muncie, Indiana, Sharon L. Brockhaus of Indianapolis, Indiana, Cynthia L. (Philip) Swihart of Wabash, Brett L. (Annie) Rider

dren, Brinlei Swihart, Breslyn Swihart, Landan Johnson, Luke Tompkins, Daniel Tompkins, Jacob Tompkins, Brett Mathew Rider, Brody Rider, Scarlet Rider, Kohen Rider, Christopher Rider, Tiffany Rider, Erik Dummitt, Izak Dummitt, Olivia Faith Dummitt, and sister-in-law Darlene Rider of Wabash, Indiana. She was also preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, James, Richard “Dick”, Sam and Don Reynolds, and her grandson, Timothy Swihart.

Private services will be at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Jonathan Cornell officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

Preferred memorials are the Alzheimers Association or the Wabash Presbyterian Church. The memorial guest book for Faith may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Douglas A. Bowman

Jan. 27, 1947 – Nov. 20, 2020



Douglas A. Bowman, 73, of Bluffton, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, November 20, 2020 due to complications from COVID-19. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was also a man of quick-wit and friendliness. Doug never knew a stranger.

Doug was born in Wabash, IN on January 27, 1947. He graduated from Wabash High School before joining the United States Marine Corps in 1965, where he proudly served our country in Vietnam. Doug shared a deep connection and gratitude to anyone who served in the military.

After returning home from Vietnam he began employment at Sterling Casting Corporation, where he worked for 35 years. After the closing of Sterling Casting, Doug joined the Peyton’s Northern Distribution Center Team located in Bluffton, IN where he eventually retired.

During retirement, Doug enjoyed gardening, spending

time with his wife and family, and spending winters in Lake Placid, Florida. He had a passion for genealogy and ancestry research.

He was a member of Sonlight Wesleyan Church, The Bluffton Genealogy Society, The Wabash Genealogical Society, and The American Legion Post #111 in Bluffton.

Doug is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Barbara Jo Bowman, and his six children: Megan Bowman Alberding (Chris), Decatur, IN; Jennifer Bowman (Twyla Kendrick), Mishawaka,

IN; Laurie George White (Kenny), Bluffton, IN; Angie George Welter (Jack), Elkhart, IN; Dana George Holmes (Tony), Wabash, IN; Sam (Luanne) George, Lenexa, KS. Also surviving are his brother, Bryan Bowman of Wabash, IN and sister, Marilyn (Jim) Stokesberry of Kokomo, IN, along with 18 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren who loved him very much.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas William and Jean Rita Bowman.

Memorial contributions can be made to Sonlight Wesleyan Church in Bluffton, IN or The American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard in Bluffton, IN.

No funeral service will be held at this time, but a celebration of life will be held at a future date. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Bowman family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

Paul Wayne Rapp

June 1, 1931 – Nov. 25, 2020



Paul Wayne Rapp, 89, of formerly of LaFontaine, Indiana, died at 8:40 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. He was born on June 1, 1931 in Lincolnville, Indiana, to George C. and Agnes (Mattox) Rapp.

Paul was a 1949 graduate of LaFontaine High School. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Paul married Pauline Belle Tinkel in Wabash on June 15, 1952; she died June 7, 2015. He owned and operated Paul Rapp Marathon Route. Paul was a member of the Woodland Hills Church of Christ in Marion.

He is survived by six children Beverly (Dave) Howard of Swayzee, Indiana, Kenneth (Angie) Rapp of Wabash, Gary (Kathleen) Rapp of Carmel, Indiana, Daniel (Debbie) Rapp of Wabash, Douglas Rapp

ana, Erica Rapp of Carmel, Andrew Finicle of Kokomo, Indiana, and Jeffrey Finicle of Wabash, 13 great-grandchildren, sister, Ruth Summers and brother, Charles Rapp, both of Wabash. He was also preceded in death by his parents, his brother, George Rapp and his sister, Joyce Cullar.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Bruce Everett officiating. Burial will be in LaFontaine Cemetery, LaFontaine. Friends may call 3-7 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Woodland Hills Church of Christ.

The memorial guest book for Paul may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Melvin Edward Bechtold

Dec. 2, 1927 – Nov. 22, 2020



Melvin Edward Bechtold, 92, of Columbia City, died Sunday afternoon, November 22, 2020, at Miller’s Oak Pointe, Columbia City, where he had been a resident since July 30.

Born to parents William Edward and Edith Lenora (Freshour) Bechtold, on December 2, 1927, in Wabash County, Indiana, he was the second child of 12. Growing up near Roann, he completed elementary school at Laketon High School in 1947.

He married his grade-school sweetheart and the love of his life, Doris Ilene (Ulrey), on September 17, 1948. They made their home in Roann, later moving to a farm in Wabash County, then Huntington County, and finally Jefferson Twp., Whitley County. Doris died on August 1, 2001, in an auto accident.

A career-long farmer, he raised dairy cattle, chickens, hogs, sheep, and veal calves. He grew crops and worked at the area elevators, eventually managing the Peabody elevator. His passion was raising and working horses. Participating in area events with his horses, he hosted the Draft Pony and Haflinger Association annual camp-

out meet at his farm several times, bringing in several hundred participants with their horses and ponies. For many years he showed horses and participated in horse events at the Indiana State Fair.

Melvin had more talents than farming. He also worked in construction and operated heavy equipment. He was a fireman and First Responder for the Jefferson Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. serving as Chief from 1987-1990. A member of the Indiana Draft Pony and Haflinger Association, he became the association’s president from 1998 to 2002.

A former member of the Jefferson Chapel United Methodist Church, for several years, he and his wife

Jerome D. ‘J.D.’ Smith

Services for Jerome D. “J.D.” Smith, 82, of Wabash, were 10:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 at Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Rev. Steve Hudson officiated. Pallbearers were J.D.’s three sons Drew Smith, Stuart Smith and Brian Smith and Corey VanDuyne, Aaron Smith and Shane Smith. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Troy Lane Dyson

Funeral Services for Troy Lane Dyson, 57, of rural Wabash, were 10:00 am, Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, Wabash.

Pastor Mike Hill officiated. Memories were shared by family and friends. Pallbearers were Cale Dyson, Cody Semler, Steven Grossman, Roger Dyson, and Ken Dawes. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Hard choices and true priorities

Kathryn Lopez



Every once in a while, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo says something I absolutely agree with. At the beginning of the pandemic, he went on and on about how every human life matters. I prayed: If he means this, maybe we can see that reflected in our politics. As it happens, with all the death this year, my friends in the religious order Sisters of Life tell me that some pregnant women are rejecting abortion because the last thing we need is more death.

Wouldn’t a newfound commitment to protecting human life be something healthy to come from the COVID-19

ordeal?

But we seem to be heading in the wrong direction.

The Associated Press recently reported on the staggering number of Americans dying in nursing homes during the pandemic, not just from the coronavirus, but from neglect.

“As more than 90,000 of the nation’s long-term care residents have died in a pandemic that has pushed staffs to the limit, advocates for the elderly say a tandem wave of death separate from the virus has quietly claimed tens of thousands more, often because overburdened workers haven’t been able to give them the care they need,” reports the AP. Their estimate is that in 15,000 facilities, “for every two COVID-19 victims in long-term care, there is another who died

prematurely of other causes. Those ‘excess deaths’ beyond the normal rate of fatalities in nursing homes could total more than 40,000 since March.”

40,000 people? Even one is too much.

The AP report told the story of a man named Donald Wallace, who never contracted COVID-19, but died a terribly slow death all the same.

“Hale and happy before the pandemic, the 75-year-old retired Alabama truck driver became so malnourished and dehydrated that he dropped to 98 pounds and looked to his son like he’d been in a concentration camp,” according to the report. He wasn’t cared for in the most basic of ways. And he likely choked on his food, not getting the help he needed to eat. His son said: “He couldn’t even hold his

head up straight because he had gotten so weak ... They stopped taking care of him. They abandoned him.”

We certainly have to acknowledge that the people on the frontlines of the pandemic have been faced with some impossible challenges this year. And nursing homes are not hospitals, with the equipment and staff to have a fighting chance. God bless the people who have been doing this work as well as they can.

If anything constructive comes from the agony of this year, could it be that we reconsider how we treat older Americans? Perhaps it is good to have a place called home. Community matters; hasn’t that been one of the lessons of this year? I think of young people I know who recently went back to their

parents, giving up their apartments in the big city. They don’t want to live in their parents’ basements forever, but that’s also not the worst place to be. When hard times come, you need people who have some kind of natural commitment to you.

It is unconscionable that there has not been an independent investigation into what went wrong in the nursing homes in New York state, and the impact that the governor’s policies had in what happened.

What we do know is in this year of death, inadvertently, we must ask ourselves some hard questions. How can we keep from essentially warehousing the elderly? The situation becomes impossible in certain circumstances. The Little Sisters of the Poor – a religious order that has been

at the forefront of the religious freedom issue, going all the way to the Supreme Court – care for the elderly indigent in their homes. (And if we learned anything this year it is that we are all poor – vulnerable – in some way.) They have had to make difficult decisions as the pandemic has changed how they carry out their mission and serve the people who so dearly need them. But they made those decisions, and got the work done. It’s about time that we do the same.

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# Opinion

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it" – when you have it with you. Do not plan evil against your neighbor, who dwells trustingly beside you.

Proverbs 3:28–29

# The U.S. can't wait for new COVID-19 relief

In the months leading up to the election, U.S. lawmakers failed to agree on a new coronavirus relief plan. Now, with a lame-duck Congress and President Donald Trump moving reluctantly toward the exit, the temptation will be to do nothing until President-elect Joe Biden is in office and the new legislature is installed.

That's too long to wait. Several provisions of the earlier CARES Act are set to end just as coronavirus cases are surging. Over the next nine weeks, the recovery's momentum is likely to fade as economic restrictions – even if not as not as severe as those of the spring – are tightened again. Without a new and substantial round of fiscal support, jobs will be lost, households of limited means will again be hit hard, and state and city budgets will come under even greater strain. A new fiscal plan is urgently needed.

Granted, even as COVID-19

cases rise, there's been some good economic news. Over the past several months, output and employment have recovered more rapidly than many had feared – thanks, in part, to the scope and scale of those earlier fiscal supports. Recent news on vaccines is especially encouraging, suggesting that a path to beating the disease will indeed be found. But the prospect of an effective vaccine or vaccines is especially encouraging, suggesting that a path to beating the disease will indeed be found. But the prospect of an effective vaccine or vaccines is especially encouraging, suggesting that a path to beating the disease will indeed be found. But the prospect of an effective vaccine or vaccines is especially encouraging, suggesting that a path to beating the disease will indeed be found.

Before talks broke down, the two sides weren't that far apart. Serious negotiations should pick up where they left off, with the understanding that both sides will budge. A measure costing between, say, \$1.5 trillion and \$2 trillion would fall

short of what many Democrats regard as necessary and exceed what many Republicans think is prudent – but both sides ought to see that it would be better than waiting and, in the meantime, doing nothing.

The shape of such a deal isn't hard to make out. Renewed unemployment assistance of an additional \$400 a week (up to a cap on income) would disappoint Democrats holding out for another round of \$600 supplements. Yet the households running out of savings would doubtless prefer \$400 now rather than the vague possibility of more, depending on what happens, sometime next year. More help for financially stressed states and cities is the concession Democrats could ask in exchange, and that Republicans ought to accept. Again, this might fall short of what states and cities will eventually need. Again, right now, something is better than nothing.

Last week, views on each side

appeared to be hardening against this kind of deal. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi affirmed that Democrats are holding out – "even more so," she said – for a package of at least \$2 trillion. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Republicans wanted a \$500 billion plan – much less than the Trump administration had been willing to support before talks stopped. This reluctance to settle for less than a win on all points is a disappointing response to an election that denied both sides outright victory.

With the economic recovery in danger of slowing and a difficult few months ahead, it's safe to say that paralysis in Washington isn't what voters want. Perhaps Biden, even before taking office, can start as he means to continue and prevail on both sides to act in the nation's interest.

*This editorial was first published in Bloomberg.*

## Some new and better data about labor markets

The COVID recession played havoc with America's labor markets as well as the official statistics that we use to describe them. This generated plenty of misunderstanding about the state of the economy. With the passage of time and supplemental surveys of workers, a clearer explanation is now emerging.

January 2020 was the last month of economic expansion. Though employment continued to grow in February, other hints of a downturn were already occurring. Part-time workers lost jobs and the labor force began to shrink. From January to April, the unemployment rate rose from 3.6 to 14.7 percent in what was far and away the most rapid job loss in U.S. history.

However, by April, a full 8.2 million fewer men and women were counted as participating in the labor force. This accounting was the result of a survey question conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Department of Labor. The question asked unemployed respondents if they were actively looking for a job. If they said no, they were dropped from the labor force rolls.

Importantly, the unemployment rate is the share of the labor force that is unemployed divided by the labor force. If someone is dropped from the labor force, they are removed from both the numerator and denominator of that fraction. This caused the reported unemployment rate to be more than 3.0 percentage points lower than it would otherwise have been.

This led to some pretty wild speculation, including the notion that workers were not looking for jobs because the supplemental benefits from the CARES Act were too generous. While there was no doubt some anecdote to lend truth to that, economists were doubtful. After all, we study human behavior in the face of constraints, and the huge decline in labor supply was wholly inconsistent with previous examples of benefit changes. Something else was at work, and the culprit was likely child care.

The Census reports that in 2019 between 7.0 and 8.0 percent of American workers have young school-aged children (age 5 to 12) at home and are either single parents or a dual-income family. I choose this age range because children under 5 aren't typically in school, (and so already have some sort of child care arrangements) and children aged 13 and older might be able to remain at home without constant supervision. Of course, individual experiences may vary.

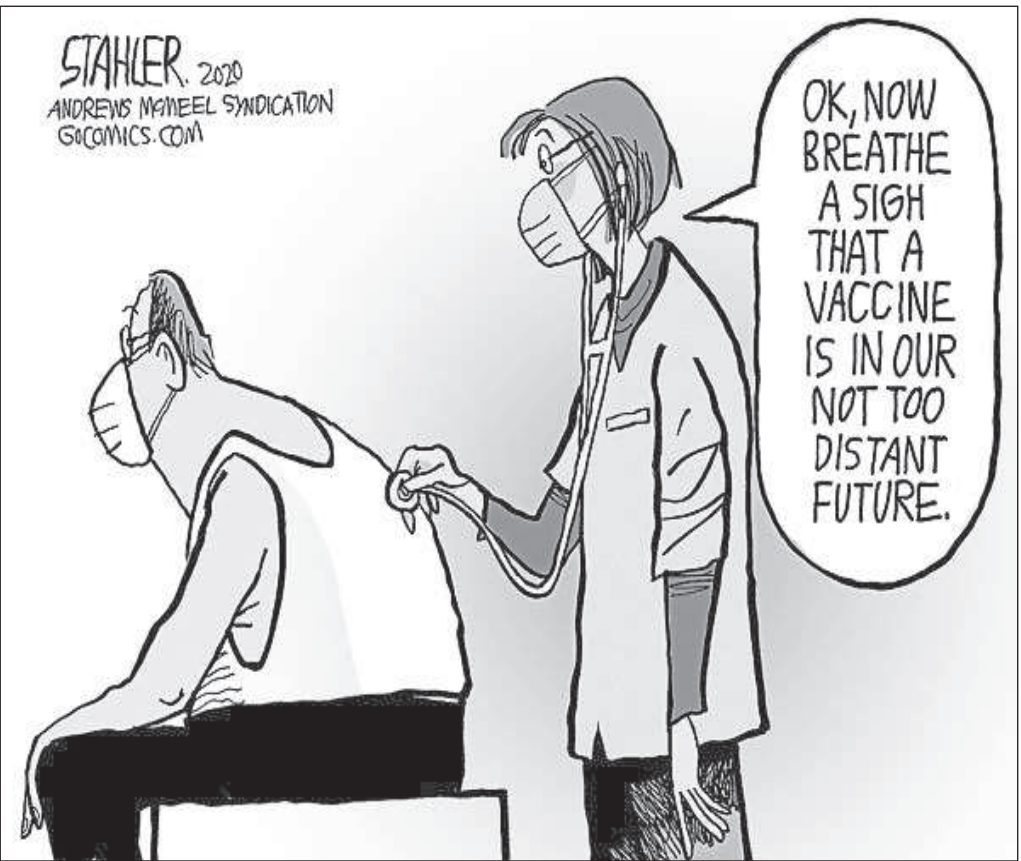
The Census also maintains a couple of surveys that measure work life, the American Time Use Survey and the National Longitudinal Study of Youth. These surveys report that between 42 and 50 percent of workers with children can telecommute to work. Census surveys conducted during COVID reported that more than a quarter of workers did some telecommuting, which would allow for some child care while still employed. All those social media posts of funny kids on zoom calls are a by-product of this arrangement.

This means that between 8.6 million and 9.9 million workers with kids in school and no way to telecommute would've faced difficult choices about work and family care. So, the deep drop in labor supply observed last April was sufficient to have caused the loss of more than 8.2 million workers from the labor force. Of those who left the labor force, 4.2 million were women and 4.0 million were men, despite the fact that women hold jobs where they can telecommute at much higher rates than men – 19 to 32 percent higher, according to those same surveys.

Another wrinkle in the labor market data is that workers who receive benefits are obligated to seek work. So, the steep decline in the labor force rankled many who saw this as unemployed workers failing to meet their obligations under the unemployment security rules. However, the workforce question on the Census survey does not distinguish between workers who are temporarily laid-off (and thus not obligated to look for work) and those who are permanently unemployed. So, a worker who is temporarily laid-off and staying at home to care for kids would likely have been counted as dropping out of the labor force.

The widespread closure of schools and the continuing rolling quarantines alone are sufficient to explain all the labor force declines of the COVID pandemic. In fact, that labor force declines weren't more widespread suggests that a lot of workers are leaning on extended families, neighbors and friends to watch children.

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## Where the GOP and the Framers disagree

This nation's empirical and inquisitive Founders considered information conducive to improvement, which is one reason the Constitution mandates a decennial census. And why James Madison soon proposed expanding the census beyond mere enumeration to recording other data. Today, the census provides an ocean of information indispensable to understanding this complex society. And it determines the disbursement of \$1.5 trillion annually from the federal government.

**George Will**



On Nov. 30, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in a census-related case concerning a question of large philosophic interest and practical consequences: Was it constitutional – 22 states, 15 cities and counties and other entities say no – for the president to order the exclusion of unauthorized immigrants from the enumeration of states' populations used for apportioning congressional seats? Apportionment was the initial reason for the census, and remains its only constitutional function.

The president says: Because the census' original and fundamental purpose concerns Americans as a political community, it would be incongruous to give congressional representation to illegal immigrants who are subject to removal from the country. Foreign tourists should not be counted, and military personnel stationed abroad should be, because the former are not, and the latter are, members of the political community.

This argument, though interesting for a political philosophy seminar, is insufficient for the Supreme Court, which must construe the two constitutional provisions concerning apportionment. One (in Article I) mandates an "actual Enumeration" of "persons" other than "Indians not taxed." The second (in the 14th Amendment) says seats in the House of Representatives shall be apportioned among the states counting "the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians not taxed." An amicus brief by two constitutional scholars, Ilya Somin of George Mason University and Sanford Levinson of the University of Texas, demonstrates that neither provision allows the exclusion of unauthorized immigrants.

The Framers understood "persons" broadly, with the sole exception of Indians not taxed because they were considered noncitizens with an allegiance to distinct political communities: their tribes. The Framers would not have expressly excluded Indians not taxed if "persons" excluded foreigners or others with an allegiance to a government other than the U.S. government. So, the Framers clearly meant "persons" to include immigrants.

Most of the Framers, say Somin and Levin-

son, did not believe the federal government had the power to exclude immigrants – there was no significant federal immigration restriction until 1875 – so they could hardly have intended to exclude from apportionment "illegal" immigrants. Furthermore, the Framers expected that the congressional apportionment count would include the more than half the adult population that was not entitled to vote because of gender, or property requirements.

Members of Congress, Somin and Levinson argue, have always been thought to represent the interests of many persons – in 1790, at most 70 percent of white men, and few others, could vote – "to whom they were not directly accountable at the ballot box." Today, most states deny the vote to children under age 18, and some felons, yet these groups are counted in congressional apportionment.

The 14th Amendment, which stipulates the enumeration of "the whole number of persons," elsewhere uses the term "citizens." So, by "persons" the amendment's authors denoted a broader category. The Supreme Court has held that in this amendment "persons" refers to the "total population," including immigrants, "whatever" their "status under the immigration laws."

The court has repeatedly held that the "person[s]" the Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause protects ("No person" shall be "deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law") includes aliens in the U.S. population. And unlike foreign diplomats or tourists, the United States is the usual residence of unauthorized immigrants.

The 1787 Constitutional Convention's Committee of Style replaced "inhabitants" with "persons," so supporters of excluding unauthorized immigrants from the census' enumeration for apportionment argue, implausibly: The Framers considered the two words synonymous, and that foreigners by definition cannot be inhabitants. But Somin and Levinson say that in its original public meaning, "inhabitants" meant "people who intend to stay somewhere indefinitely." Therefore, these facts matter: More than 60 percent of the estimated 10.5 million unauthorized immigrants have lived here more than 10 years, and more than 20 percent for more than 20 years.

Republicans would benefit from not counting illegal immigrants for purposes of apportionment: This would reduce congressional seats (and electoral votes) in mostly blue states (27 percent of such immigrants are in California) and shift power away from cities. Republicans generally say, however, that the Constitution should be construed according to the text's original meaning. Forced to choose between power and principle, well ...

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# Lifestyles

## Layers are for salad, too

Bring on the layers when it's cold outside. And before you reach for your fleece or parka, let's be perfectly clear: We're talking about salads. That's right, salads have a place in the fall and winter, and when the brisk seasons invite layering hefty, nourishing ingredients into our meals, this principle also applies to salads. They can handle it.

This vibrant salad is a perfect example. It's layered with toothsome nutty black rice, juicy-crisp radicchio leaves, and spice-roasted delicata squash rings. Each ingredient brings flavor, texture and nutrients to the salad party, and when composed together in a serving bowl and drizzled with a thick balsamic vinaigrette, they produce a unified and highly decorative salad that will please and wow everyone at the dinner and holiday table.

Delicata squash is a winter squash that is often bypassed for the ubiquitous butternut squash. Delicata is a small oblong squash with green and yellow striated skin that is edible, so there is no need to peel it. It cooks quickly, and roasting is an easy method that amplifies its mildly sweet and creamy flavor. The squash can be halved lengthwise and roasted, or better yet, sliced into thin rings, which resemble decorative flower shapes.

If you need any further encouragement to make this salad, note that it can be easily prepped ahead of serving, since the rice and squash rings should be cooked and cooled to room temperature. The final assembly takes minutes, which is a cook's gift during the busy holiday season.

### Delicata, Radicchio and Black Rice Salad

Active Time: 30 minutes  
Total Time: 30 minutes,



Delicata, Radicchio and Black Rice Salad

Photo by Lynda Balslev for Tastefood

plus rice cooking and cooling time  
Yield: Serves 4  
Dressing:  
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
1 small garlic clove, minced  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 cup black rice, rinsed  
Salt  
1 large delicata squash, scrubbed clean  
1 to 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 teaspoon sweet paprika  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 large head radicchio, cored, leaves torn into shards

3 scallions, thinly sliced  
1/4 cup coarsely chopped Italian parsley leaves  
2 tablespoons pumpkin seeds (or pomegranate arils)  
Whisk the dressing ingredients in a small bowl.  
Cook the rice until tender, according to package instructions. Season to taste with salt and set aside to cool to lukewarm or room temperature.  
Heat the oven to 400 degrees.  
Cut the squash crosswise in 1/3-inch-thick slices and scoop out the seeds. Place the rings in a large bowl. Add the oil, 1 teaspoon salt, the cumin, paprika and black pepper and toss to coat. Arrange the squash

rings on a rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment. Transfer to the oven and roast until golden brown in spots and tender, about 25 minutes, flipping once. Remove from the oven and lightly brush with the dressing. Cool to lukewarm or room temperature.  
Spread the radicchio in a wide shallow serving bowl. Stir the scallions into the rice and then spoon the rice over and around the radicchio. Arrange the delicata rings around the salad, tucking some of the rings under the radicchio leaves.  
Sprinkle the parsley and pumpkin seeds (or pomegranate arils) over the salad. Drizzle with the remaining dressing.

## Rockin' around the (real) Christmas tree

Many turn to real trees as bright spot amid virus

By GILLIAN FLACCUS  
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Ani Sirois, a respiratory nurse, has spent months caring for coronavirus patients at a Portland, Oregon, hospital, and she's only getting busier as infections — and hospitalizations — surge before the holidays.

But on a recent sunny day, COVID-19 seemed far away as she, her husband and their 2-year-old daughter roamed a Christmas tree farm in search of the perfect evergreen for a holiday season unlike any other. The family was tree-shopping nearly a week before Thanksgiving and, for the first time, they were picking their own tree instead of buying a pre-cut one.

"It's nice to have home be a separate safe space away from the hospital, and whether we can have a gathering with family or not, I know we'll have our own little tree with the purple lights, and that'll be something small to look forward to," she said.

The real Christmas tree industry, which has been battling increased interest in artificial trees, is glad to see that more Americans appear to be flocking to fresh-cut evergreens this season, seeking a bright spot amid the virus's worsening toll.

It's early in the season, but both wholesale tree farmers and small cut-your-own lots are reporting strong demand, with many opening well before Thanksgiving. Businesses say they are seeing more people and earlier than ever.

At some pick-your-own-



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tree farms, for example, customers sneaked in well before Thanksgiving to tag the perfect tree to cut down once the business opened. As demand surges, big box stores are seeking fresh trees up to a week earlier than last year, and Walmart is offering free home delivery for the first time.

"The season is running approximately six to seven days ahead of what we've seen in the past. We've never seen the demand like we've had this year," said McKenzie Cook, who ships between 1.8 million and 2 million trees a year combined from McKenzie Farms in Oregon and Happy Holiday Christmas Trees in North Carolina.

A number of reasons are driving the uptick in interest. More Americans are staying home for the holidays amid pandemic restrictions and are realizing that for the first time in years — or maybe ever — they will be home to water a fresh-cut tree. With holiday parades and festivals canceled, stir-crazy families also are looking for a safe way to create special memories.

Plus, fresh-cut Christmas trees are largely displayed

outside, where there's a lower risk of viral spread, said Marsha Gray, executive director of the Christmas Tree Promotion Board.

The national organization says industry research tells them many people who put up an artificial tree last year plan to buy a real tree this year, and most are citing the pandemic as the reason.

"Yes, it's a product, it's a decoration that you put in your home, but getting a real tree involves the choosing, the hunting for it, the family outing. It really is a memory maker, it's a day you spend together, and it really becomes much bigger than the tree itself," Gray said. "It's really making family memories and people really seem to gravitate to that right now."

The growing interest in real trees comes after the industry has struggled to attract new, younger customers in recent years as more Americans buy artificial trees.

Between 75 percent and 80 percent of Americans who have a Christmas tree now have an artificial one, and the \$1 billion market for fake trees has been growing by about 4 percent a year — de-

spite them being reusable.

No one tracks annual sales of real trees because independent tree lots are so scattered, but those in the business estimate about 20 million trees or more are sold each year, most of them at big box stores such as Costco and Home Depot.

The fresh-cut tree industry in 2018 launched a social media campaign called "It's Christmas. Keep It Real!" to attract young families and media-savvy millennials.

This year, the Christmas Tree Promotion Board also asked Rob Kenney, creator of the "Dad, How Do I?" YouTube channel, to make an instructional video for newbies on how to shop for and put up a real tree, then keep it alive. It's gotten tens of thousands of views.

"We want to introduce real Christmas trees to young families and new buyers and create greater demand among those people who say, 'I'm a little nervous about just taking a tree and dragging it into my house,'" Gray said.

It appears that message is breaking through as Americans seek a happier way to close out a difficult year.

Lee Farms, a sixth-generation family farm in Tualatin, Oregon, opened for the season a week earlier than last year. It sold more than 100 trees in the first four hours and was seeing new faces at a business that normally welcomes the same customers each year.

"It's almost a new — or a renewed — experience for a lot of families this year," said Teagan Milera, co-owner of Lee Farms. "Having that real tree smells so good in your house, something to take care of and decorate together, that nothing beats that for the holiday season."

## The pandemic means fewer presents for many families – here's what to tell your kids

This holiday season will be like none other. Coronavirus cases are surging in the United States, and this may force states and local governments to impose new lockdowns — meaning more people might find themselves out of work.

Michelle Singletary



their jobs or run out of unemployment funds and can't pay their rent.

Yet, this is the time of year when spending is celebrated. The mall Santa is still greeting children — albeit behind masks and plexiglass — listening to their excitement over the presents they hope to get for the holidays.

But what if the pandemic recession has affected your family finances to the point that the usual treasure trove of presents and lavish holiday meals aren't possible? What do you tell your children about the scaled-down Christmas or Hanukkah you need to have this year? Or worse, how do you prepare your children for a possible eviction from their home?

I asked Neha Chaudhary, a child and adolescent psychiatrist in private practice and a faculty member at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, to help guide parents on how to talk to their children about their financial situation. Here's her advice.

**Q: What should parents tell children if they've lost their job or face a furlough?**

**Chaudhary:** When breaking bad news to a child, you want to meet the child where they are by asking what their understanding of the topic is. A very young child may not understand the implications of something like losing a job in the way a teenager would. If you first find out exactly what they know about the topic, you'll likely be more equipped to share the news in a developmentally appropriate way and can fill in the gaps if they're confused.

Older kids may wonder about broader implications on the family and have practical questions about whether this is temporary or what happens if you can't find something right away. Younger kids will likely worry more about things that affect them day to day, like whether they'll still be able to get presents, or they may not realize the implications at all.

The more direct you are the better, because children pick up on uncertainty and ambiguity, and that can make them feel more stressed than the actual content that you're delivering. Older kids especially will know when you're sugarcoating something and might find it frustrating or dishonest.

If you've lost your job and your children know that the job is what the family relies on to pay bills, you may want to preempt their worry and reassure them that you're going to look hard for a new job right away and that you'll come up with a plan to keep things afloat until you find one.

No matter the age of the child, the burden of figuring out next steps or worrying about what to do should fall on the parents, not the kid. Reassure your child that they are still safe and you love them

very much. Make sure to offer them the space to share their feelings, including their worries, confusion or fears. Children need to feel like their worries are heard and acknowledged so that the worries don't stay in their minds and amplify.

**Q: Should you share a lot of details about your dire financial situation?**

**Chaudhary:** Parents should be honest, but kids don't need to know all the little details of which bills can and can't be paid, or how much stress the parents are under. The focus of the conversation with kids should be to share the high-level news of a job loss, explain what directly affects them and review some day-to-day changes that the family will face.

If budgets need to be tightened, parents should consider having a family meeting to share the changes so that the kids aren't caught off guard when there are less food-delivery nights from their favorite restaurant or certain activities are canceled. Managing expectations up front will help lessen disappointment later.

**Q: What if the money is so tight that buying presents for the holidays is just out of the question without incurring debt?**

**Chaudhary:** If money is extremely tight, parents should consider sharing with their kids that the holidays might look a little different this year than in previous years. Explain that it might look different from their friends' holidays, too, and that that's OK, because every family is going through something different.

It's a great time to focus on forms of giving that are thoughtful but don't cost much, like a family drawing night, cooking meals together, writing each other stories or making each other a coupon book of things you'll do for one another. Just because you don't have money doesn't mean you can't give or celebrate the holidays in a meaningful way that your child will cherish and remember through their adult life.

**Q: What if the family is facing eviction? How do you prepare children for the loss of their home?**

**Chaudhary:** A child needs to feel safe, loved and secure. Find a way to remind them that it's OK to be scared or sad, but that you're going to find a way to protect them and that you will get through it together.

**Q: What should you do if your children start acting out because of the change in the family's financial situation?**

**Chaudhary:** If your child starts acting out because of the change in the family's financial situation, try to acknowledge how frustrating it must be to be in their shoes, while gently reminding them that you wish things weren't the way they were. A small dose of empathy can go a long way. Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but because of the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note that comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer's name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.



# Wabash County Winter Banner Competition winners announced

Winning banners will be displayed downtown Wabash, North Manchester

STAFF REPORT

Winter is on its way and students have prepared with the 17th Annual Wabash County Winter Banner Competition, according to Morgan Ellis, public relations and marketing coordinator.

Winning artwork is now on display in downtown Wabash and North Manchester featuring artists ranging from pre-kindergarten to 12th Grade. The 17th Annual Winter Banner Competition was sponsored by the Robert and Peggy McCallen Banner Contest Endowment.

Winners of the Annual Wabash County Winter Banner Competition, part of the Honeywell Foundation’s Educational Outreach Program, were honored with a virtual banner showcase featuring 222 total submissions in the annual competition out of 317 total submissions between Wabash and Miami County schools.

The theme of this year’s contest was “A Midwestern Winter.” Students who participated in the annual banner competition were selected on behalf of their schools. Students from the following schools participated: Compass Rose Academy, Emmanuel Christian School, Heartland Career Center, Home School Art, Manchester Elementary, Manchester Intermediate, Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School, Metro North Elementary, Northfield Jr.-Sr. High School, Sharp Creek Elementary,

Southwood Elementary, St. Bernard School, Wabash Middle School and Wabash High School. Judging was conducted by former visual art instructors Sarah Andrews and Debi Shepler.

School winners

- Home School Art, Olivia Haarer, first grade.
- Emmanuel Christian, Addison Kinsey, eighth grade.
- Heartland Career Center, Olivia Holstein, 12th grade.
- Compass Rose Academy, Katherine Grubbs, 11th grade.
- St. Bernard School, Natalie Morgan, first grade.
- Northfield Jr.-Sr. High School, Chloe Miller, 12th grade.
- Sharp Creek Elementary, Kyra Aderman, fifth grade.
- Metro North Elementary School, Faye Leffert, first grade.
- Southwood Elementary School, Lola Winer, sixth grade.
- Manchester Intermediate, Emilyn Wilson, fifth grade.
- Manchester Elementary, Avery Davison, first grade.
- Wabash Middle School, Mia Fairchild, sixth grade.
- Wabash High School, Lincoln Saldivar, 12th grade.

Grade Level winners

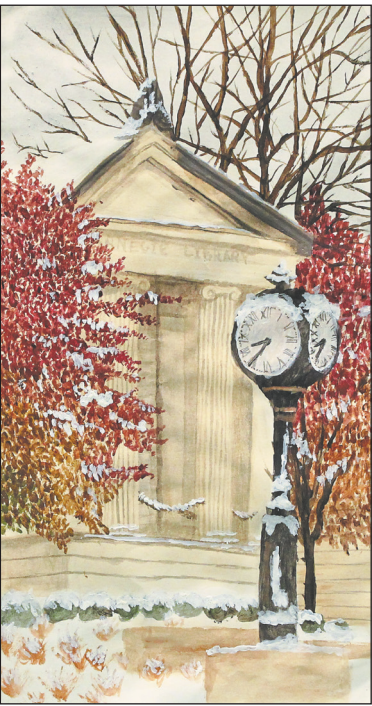
- Manchester Elementary, Braxton Rhudy, pre-kindergarten.
- Metro North Elementary, Natalie Black, kindergarten.
- Metro North Elementary, Evelyn



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One of the Sponsor’s Choice Winners was Ashton Allen of Metro North Elementary School.

- ly Schenkel, first grade.
- Manchester Elementary, Kerry Miller, second grade.
- Manchester Elementary, Brynna Harshman, third grade.
- Sharp Creek Elementary, Miranda Meyer, fourth grade.
- Wabash Middle School, Alyssa Sheridan, fifth grade.
- Sharp Creek Elementary, Saige Martin, sixth grade.
- Home School Art, Tirzah Carpenter, seventh grade.
- Tied: Northfield Jr.-Sr. High School, Emma Bone, eighth grade.
- Tied: Wabash Middle School, Ella Hartley, eighth grade.
- Wabash High School, Katelynn



One of the Sponsor’s Choice Winners was Hope Schoening, a 10th-grader at Wabash High School.

- Combs, ninth grade.
- Northfield Jr.-Sr. High School, Avry Napier, 10th grade.
- Heartland Career Center, Ashley Bricker, 11th grade.
- Northfield Jr.-Sr. High School, Maddie Lloyd, 12th grade.
- Best Use of Theme: Home School Art, Emmy Cordes, 10th grade.

Sponsor’s Choice Awards

- Metro North Elementary, Ashton Allen, kindergarten.
- Wabash High School, Hope Schoening, 10th grade.



One of the Sponsor’s Choice Winners was Kinley Davenport, a second-grader at Southwood Elementary School.

- Southwood Elementary, Kinley Davenport, second grade.

Bob McCallen Winner

Seventeen years ago, Bob and Peggy McCallen envisioned the banner competition to be a platform to lift up young artists and let them know how special they are. In memory of Bob McCallen, one student is selected from those nominated by their art teachers for this award recognizing the impact of the program. This year’s winner is Olivia Holstein, who is a 12th grade student at Heartland Career Center.

## Manchester honors class (re)imagines leadership in Dec. 8 program

The students are in a First Year Seminar exploring the topic of ‘Transforming Creativity’

By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University honors students are drawing on the inspiration of modern visionaries to offer their messages about what it takes to be a creative leader.

(re)Imagining Leadership is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. It will be live-streamed from the Zoom session to MU’s Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv](http://www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv).

The students are in a First Year Seminar exploring the topic of “Transforming Creativity” with English Professor Beate Gilliar.

“This 2024 cohort of students, the first to tackle the

new normal, investigated how nimbleness impacted their own courage to transform,” Gilliar said.

The students will engage the topic and offer their own mark of inspiration, expanding on the words of a wide and diverse range of creative thinkers and leaders – such as Malala Yousafzai, Drew Dudley, Sam Berns, Priya Vulchi and Winona Guo, Randy Pausch and Liza Koshy.

Students in the class are Kyla Andrews, Brooke Batalis, Benjamin Bolduc, Madelyn Hosford, Zoe Lunduski; Sydney Sluys; Lyriel Steinberg; Hannah Thomson; Sophie Updike; Renase Walker-Zamora and James Walsh.

The program is part of the Values, Ideas and the Arts series, designed to enhance the student experience.

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## INDOT, including Wabash Subdistrict, hosting hiring events for seasonal workers

Open interviews available for seasonal positions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3

STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is looking for people to help keep Hoosier roads safe this winter, according to Hunter Petroviak, INDOT public relations.

INDOT will host open interviews for seasonal positions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. The hiring events are taking place at the Fort Wayne, Wabash and Elkhart subdistricts.

Fort Wayne Subdistrict: 5333 Hatfield Road, Fort Wayne.

Wabash Subdistrict:

1290 Manchester Ave., Wabash.

Elkhart Subdistrict: 58905 County Road 9, Elkhart.

Winter Seasonal Workers remove snow and ice, perform related maintenance duties and other winter operations duties as assigned. The positions run now through March and pay \$16 an hour. INDOT offers \$250 sign-on and \$500 retention bonuses for eligible candidates. A valid driver’s license and commercial driver’s license (CDL) are required. A high school diploma or GED is preferred.

To learn more, visit [INDOTjobs.com](http://INDOTjobs.com). You can also text INDOT Winter to 468311 to receive additional job postings.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, face masks are required and social distancing will be observed at INDOT hiring events.

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the museum. Market hours will be the same as the regular museum hours, which are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

### Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution every other Wednesday

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. Distribution is while supplies last. All are welcome, regardless of home county or reason for need. No IDs, proof of address or income will be required. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

### Alcoholics Anonymous changes meeting locations due to COVID-19

Due to COVID-19, the local Alcoholics Anonymous groups are changing meeting locations. Al-Anon meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Sundays at 401 N. Sycamore St., North Manchester and from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St. (Please use south parking lot entrance.)

### DivorceCare meeting weekly

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, “features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery.” The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 S. State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Leader Janet Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St.

on State Road 15. For more information, call Quillen at 260-571-5235, or call 260-563-8453 or 877-350-1658; email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org); or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

### Laketon American Legion announces new serving schedule

The Laketon American Legion has a new schedule for serving breakfast and lunch. The new schedule is from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday at 10140 N. Troyer Road, Laketon. For more information, call 260-


901-1150 or 260-306-0072.

### Wabash Rotary Club announces ‘No Outing Golf Outing’

Wabash Rotary Club has continued its long tradition of supporting the Wabash County United Fund campaign. And although this year’s golf outing was canceled, Wabash Rotary will still be supporting Wabash County United Fund (WCUF). Community members can participate in one of two ways. They may donate any amount to the Wabash Rotary Club or they can sponsor one of three

levels toward the “No Outing Golf Outing.” All donations or sponsorships may be payable to the Wabash Rotary Club by mail at P.O. Box 159, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, call Dr. Chris Kuhn at 260-563-8050 (option 7) or email at [kuhnc@msdwc.k12.in.us](mailto:kuhnc@msdwc.k12.in.us); call Steve Johnson at 260-563-6726 or email: [steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org](mailto:steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org).


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# Four local ISP troopers honored during award ceremony

Event recognized the achievements and deeds of self-sacrifice

STAFF REPORT

On Friday, Nov. 20, the Indiana State Police Department (ISP) held awards and recognition ceremony in Indianapolis, according to Sgt. Tony Slocum, public information officer for the ISP Peru Post.

The ceremony publicly recognized the achievements and deeds of self-sacrifice and accomplishments of Indiana State Police employees from around the state. Four local troopers were recognized at the ceremony.

"I am proud of the professional work troopers do on a daily basis," said Lt. T.J. Zeiser, commander of the ISP Peru Post. "These troopers have earned the recognition they have received for their dedication to the law enforcement profession and the communities in which they serve."



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Trooper Steven Glass was recognized as the 2019 ISP Peru Post Trooper of the District and received the ISP Peru District Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Award.

Trooper Steven Glass

Trooper Steven Glass was recognized as the 2019 ISP Peru Post Trooper of the District. The award is given annually to the trooper that personifies integrity, professionalism and a well-rounded work ethic. Glass was selected by the command staff at the Peru District for dedication to his job, traffic and criminal enforcement, community involvement,



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Senior Trooper Eric Treon was recognized with an ISP Life Saving Award.

instructor ratings, specialty assignments and other services performed for the department beyond normal expectations. In 2019, Glass had 303 criminal arrests with 184 of those being felony charges. Glass has worked for the state police for six years. He patrols primarily in Miami County.

Glass also received the ISP Peru District Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Award for his commitment to removing impaired drivers from Indiana roadways.



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Trooper Ben Reason was recognized with an ISP Life Saving Award.

Senior Trooper Eric Treon

Senior Trooper Eric Treon was recognized with an ISP Life Saving Award. On Jan. 11, Treon responded, off-duty, to a shooting in Jonesboro. Treon, one of the first arriving officers, found



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Senior Trooper Detective Wendell Beachy was recognized with the 2019 Outstanding Criminal Investigation Award.

a man who had been shot. Treon immediately applied life saving measures to include applying pressure to a bleeding gunshot wound and treating the injured man for shock. Treon is a 13-year veteran of the ISP. He patrols primarily in Grant County.

Trooper Ben Reason

Trooper Ben Reason was also recognized with an ISP Life Saving Award. On Sept. 26, 2019, Reason responded

to a reported choking 5-year old, in a stopped vehicle, on U.S. 31 in Miami County. Reason performed the Heimlich maneuver dislodging a piece of candy which had obstructed the child's airway. Reason, a Fulton County native, is an eight-year veteran of the Indiana State Police Department. He is assigned, as a K-9 handler, to the Indiana State Police Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

Senior Trooper Detective Wendell Beachy

Senior Trooper Detective Wendell Beachy was recognized with the 2019 Outstanding Criminal Investigation Award. In September 2019, Beachy led a homicide investigation of a 10-year girl. The multi-agency investigation led to the arrest of a suspect. A court trial is still pending. Beachy is a 12-year veteran of the Indiana State Police Department. He is assigned to the ISP Criminal Investigation Division working as a detective from the ISP Peru Post.

## VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

At the Sunday, Nov. 29 service at Asbury Country Church, the services will be 9:30 a.m. for Sunday school and 10:30 a.m. for the worship service. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Kathy Staggs. The Morning Message will be, "Heavenly View" by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

Catholic Church Province of Indianapolis

According to Jennifer Simerman, secretary for communications for Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the following statement has been issued by the Catholic bishops of the Province of Indianapolis, which is comprised of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Gary, Lafayette, Fort Wayne-South Bend and Evansville: "While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation beyond Sunday, Nov. 1 until further notice. The Indiana bishops will continue to monitor the situation to determine when it might be advisable to modify or lift the dispensation." Specific liturgical directives and recommendations, as well as remote Mass participation and resource options, are available on the diocesan website at [www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19).

Christ United Methodist Church

Worship service is streamed live every Sunday on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

Pastor Joe Bellone's sermons are posted (with handouts) on both Facebook and YouTube under "College Corner Brethren Church."

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

For the Sunday, Nov. 29 services at Dora Christian Church in Lago, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We are back to having two in-person morning Sunday Services, one at 8:15 a.m. and another at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski's message for this Sunday will be "Hot and Cold – the Churches of Philadelphia and Laodicea" from Revelation 3:7-22 as a part of the ongoing sermon series: "Where Do We Go from Here?" The Communion Table will be served by John Troyer and Bill Miller. There will be no Children's Church provided this week. If you can't make it to the live services, Preacher Mark Wisniewski's sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Lincolnvile United Methodist Church

Lincolnvile United Methodist worship services are at 10 a.m. Sundays, with Sunday school at 9 a.m. at 5848 E. 500 South. For more information, email Pastor John Cool at [pastorjohn1954@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjohn1954@gmail.com) or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit [www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Man-

chester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting [NMMC1.com](http://NMMC1.com).

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](http://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranch.church](http://www.olivebranch.church). Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Roann United Methodist Church

Pastor Wayne Balmer will have an online-only service at 9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. The sermon is from Matthew 1:18-24 titled, "Expect A Miracle."

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urban-ayokeparish.com](http://www.urban-ayokeparish.com). Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) offers streaming at 9:30 a.m. Sundays both on their website at [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org) and Facebook page, Wabash Christian Church. The minister is Rev. Haley Asberry.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., hasn't fully opened for in-person services, but services are available to view online at [www.wabashcob.org](http://www.wabashcob.org).

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at

10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com), look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on "Wonderful Counselor." The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sundays on 105.9 FM. While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday servants are Todd Eltzroth, chairperson; Sherry Whitt, worship; Nancy Kolb, piano; and

Rose Sands, organ.

Walk By Faith Community Church

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**SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF WABASH IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WABASH COUNTY WABASH, INDIANA CAUSE NO. 85C01-2010-MF-000676 VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC, PLAINTIFF vs. WILLIAM G. KRAMER, DECEASED; NANCY S. KRAMER, DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF SUIT** To the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property legally described as follows: Lot Number 46 in Section "C" of Bonbrook, an addition to the City of Wabash, Indiana, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 5, page 68 in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana. Commonly known as: 125 Highland Drive Wabash, IN 46992-2127 This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown. Nancy S. Kramer In addition to the above-named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney with the Clerk of the Court for Wabash County at: Clerk of Wabash County 69 West Hill Street Wabash, IN 46992 on or before the 28th day of December, 2020, (the same being thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. Codilis Law, LLC By: s/Kristin L. Durianski Kristin L. Durianski 24866-64 ATTEST: /s/Lori J. Draper (Seal) Clerk, Wabash Circuit Court This firm is deemed to be a debt collector. Kristin L. Durianski 24866-64 Attorney for Plaintiff Codilis Law, LLC, 8050 Cleveland Place, Merrillville, IN 46410, (219) 736-5579, Atty File: 1035734 HSPAXLP.11/14, 11/21, 11/28/2020

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Prenup becomes roadblock on couple’s path to the altar

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a delightful, caring, loving man in my life. We knew each other years ago when we were married to other people. Three years ago, after a couple of years of courtship, he asked me to move in.

Dear Abby



We are great together. He has embraced my two children and especially my two grandchildren as he had none from his previous marriage. Because I bring more to his life than anyone, I proposed to him seven months ago, and he said yes. We talked, and he requested a prenup, which is fine with me because his ex took a large sum of cash.

I have asked a few times since the proposal if he has talked to his cousin who is an attorney he trusts, but I don’t believe this is moving along. Because you cannot make anyone do anything they are not inclined to do, I have stopped asking. He knows I need financial security.

I have always done right by him – that is who I am. At this point, I’m enjoying my life of privilege with my doctor companion, who loves me dearly but can’t seem to honor our relationship and take the next step. Am I right to let it be? – Waiting, For Now

**DEAR WAITING:** I agree that you cannot make anyone do anything they are not inclined to do. Because drafting the prenuptial agreement appears to be stalled, raise the subject again and ask if he regrets accepting your proposal or if he’s ready to move forward. He may like things just as they are, and if you need more than what he is willing to give, you may have to move on. Three years is enough time to decide if he wants to make your romance permanent.

**DEAR ABBY:** I think my parents are enabling my sister to take advantage of them. She has suffered from depression most of her life. She has two children, ages 8 and 5.

Before COVID, she dealt with her depression and was a stay-at-home mom for six years. Back in March, she asked my parents to take in her 8-year-old for schooling the rest of the year. For the last several months, one or both of her children have been here at our house. Mind you, she and her husband live five hours away, so it’s not like they are nearby. Now there’s discussion about my parents keeping them into next year.

Mom retired only last year and has barely been able to enjoy her retirement alone with my stepdad. When my brother and I bring up the topic of them enabling my sister by letting her pawn her kids off and blame her depression, their response is, “Well, it’s better than her going off the deep end.” I also feel bad that those kids are not with their parents in their own house, instead of being schlepped around. Am I wrong to think she’s being allowed to get away with being a bad parent? – Concerned In Colorado

**DEAR CONCERNED:** The COVID-19 epidemic and subsequent quarantine have triggered anxiety and serious depression in people who were previously emotionally resilient. That it could cause a recurrence in someone with chronic depression is no surprise. Your mother and stepfather are doing what they feel is best for their grandchildren, your sister and themselves. Accept it and quit second-guessing them. They have more than enough to deal with without you adding more stress at this point.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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- 39 Even as we speak
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(Answers Monday)  
Yesterday’s Jumbles: ROBOT YIELD SPRING AWAKEN  
Answer: Before they chose a route to travel, they looked at the map to — “WAY” THEIR OPTIONS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



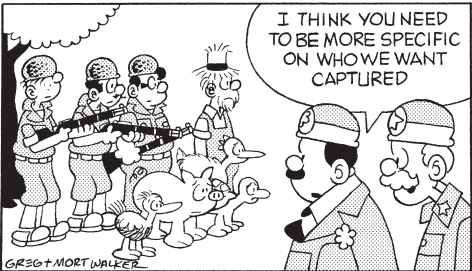
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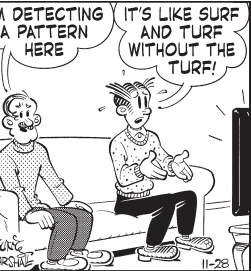
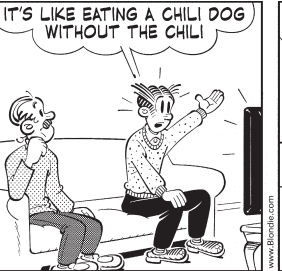
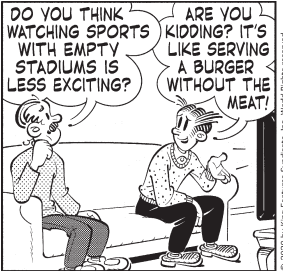
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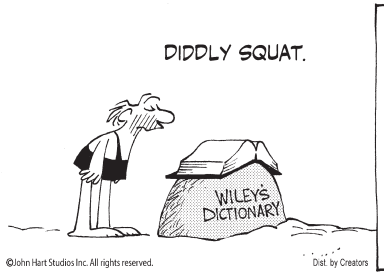
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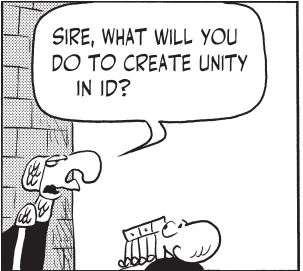
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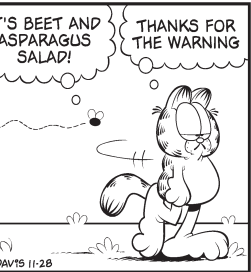
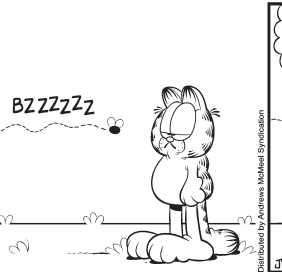
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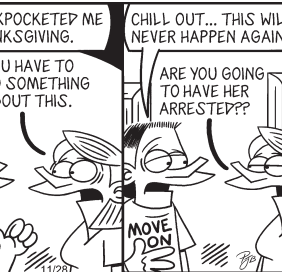
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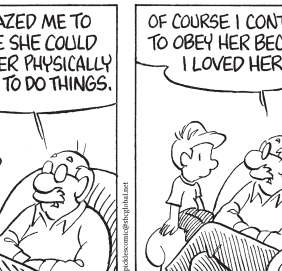
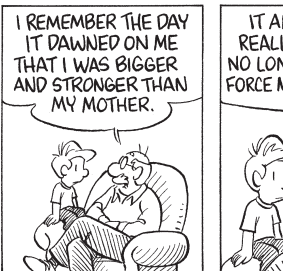
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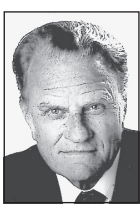


Flee from sin and stay close to Christ

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** I’ve prayed and asked God to help me stay away from things that cause me to sin, but I fail a lot. What is the answer? – C.C.

Billy Graham My Answer



**A:** Flee from sin and stay close to Christ. There is a difference between sin and sins. Sin is the root (for all have sinned) and sins are the fruit. As much as we hate to admit it, we are all sinners by birth. We are sinners by choice. And we are also sinners by practice. The cause of all trouble, the root of all sorrow, the dread of every man lies in this one small word – sin! But God intends for us to have victory over sin, and when we don’t, it’s not because God’s power has failed. By His Holy Spirit,

He is able to give us the power to live just as good a life as Paul or Timothy lived. However, we need to do our part and by prayer appropriate the Holy Spirit’s power. There are many things in life we need to flee in order to stay close to the Lord. We need to flee pride – that tendency to think of ourselves more highly than we ought – and instead live with humility. We need to avoid causing strife and jealousy, and self-centeredness that prompts such behavior. We need to

avoid abusive language and instead develop a Spirit-controlled tongue.

We cannot depend on our own strength and ability or even our own self-discipline. Reading and obeying God’s Word will strengthen us in life. “He brought us forth by the word of truth.... Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God” (James 1:18-20). May we keep our eyes on God.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“OWS EW APTARGWWRL ... LSZXX Z’B  
XZRT SW TCVMTLL IN SPKERL. Z OWS  
SPT LHE ZE SPT IWMEZEO KEB SPT  
IWWE KS EZOPS.” – ZMDZEO GTMXZE

Previous Solution: “Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy ... the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” – Marcel Proust

TODAY’S CLUE: d s i e n b e A



# Manchester women's basketball earns prestigious WBCA Academic Top 25 Ranking

Manchester ranked 19th overall among NCAA Division III institutions

By DILLON BENDER

For the third consecutive year, the Manchester University women's basketball program landed a spot on the prestigious Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Academic Top 25 Rankings list in August.

The WBCA Academic Top 25 recognizes NCAA Division I, II and III, NAIA and two-year GPAs inclusive of all student-athletes on their rosters for the entire season. The 2019-20 season is the 25th season in which the WBCA has compiled the honor rolls.

The Spartans, under the direction of head coach Josh Dzurick, posted a team grade point average of 3.667 during the 2019-20 academic year. Manchester ranked 19th overall among NCAA Division III institutions.

No stranger to the WBCA Academic Top 25 Rankings, Manchester posted a team grade point average of 3.617 during the 2017-18 academic year, earning the No. 14 slot in the Top 25 rankings. A year ago, the Spartans posted a 3.538 team grade point average, good enough for the No. 25 spot in the



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WBCA Academic Top 25 Rankings.

Buena Vista University, located in Storm Lake, Iowa, led all of NCAA Division III with a team grade point average of 3.865.

"The WBCA applauds these head coaches and their teams for their commitment to academic excellence," said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. "We appreciate and value the hard work

and dedication the players and coaches have put forth to thrive in the classroom and on the basketball court."

Dillon Bender is sports information director for Manchester University.

## Allen expects cleaner game as No. 12 Hoosiers host Terps

By MICHAEL MAROT

Associated Press

Most of the college football world was impressed by No. 12 Indiana's performance last week. Hoosiers coach Tom Allen expected more.

He saw too many turnovers, too many missed tackles and just too many mistakes in the loss at Ohio State. He expects his team to be sharper and cleaner this weekend against Maryland.

"We did not play four quarters of our best football," Allen said. "The bottom line is we are still in that quest for four quarters of our best football. It has not happened yet and it is going to happen, and our goal is it happens on Saturday."

Allen knows that raising the bar has played a key role in Indiana's turnaround and he's not going to change course. Even against an opponent that took the last two weeks off because of a COVID-19 outbreak.

While outsiders saw the Hoosiers tally five sacks and force three turnovers against the Buckeyes, Allen said Indiana (4-1, No. 12 CFP) should have finished with eight more sacks. And while the offense dominated the second half, he knows there could have been more but for three turnovers including a pick-six.

Allen wasn't disappointed with the effort, he just expects more from his players especially with another significant challenge looming against Terrapins quarterback Taulia Tagovailoa.

"We definitely need to keep this guy contained," Indiana linebacker Micah McFadden said. "We did a fairly good job last week, but

we didn't get the quarterback on the ground enough, didn't get the sacks. We've got to get him (Tagovailoa) on the ground."

The Terrapins (2-1) have looked like a different team with their new quarterback.

They've outscored the last two opponents 35-7 in the first quarter, both wins, and the defense took the cue by posting seven sacks in a win at Penn State. It was Maryland's highest sacks total in a conference road game since November 2013 when the Terps were still in the ACC.

While Maryland coach Michael Locksley understands the quest for perfection, he has a somewhat different perspective of the Hoosiers than Allen after looking at video of Indiana while self-isolating.

"They fought and battled for four quarters and you'd expect that," he said. "Anybody knows Tom Allen knows that's the way his teams play."

### Hot hands

Indiana receiver Ty Fryfogle has been virtually unstoppable over the past three weeks. He's produced new single-game career highs in yards receiving in each game and is the first Big Ten receiver to post consecutive 200-yard games. Don't expect quarterback Michael Penix Jr. to stop looking his way.

"I know I've got great playmakers on the outside and if I put it out there one of them is going to go get it," Penix said.

For Maryland, running back Jake Funk is averaging 7.81 yards per carry, the second-highest average among all FBS running backs with more than 40 attempts.

## Purdue receivers look for right combination against Rutgers

By MICHAEL MAROT

Associated Press

Purdue coach Jeff Brohm is looking for the perfect combination. Saturday.

With All-American receiver Rondale Moore making his first home-field appearance in 14 months and sophomore receiver David Bell still making acrobatic catches look routine, Brohm must work both into the mix.

It won't be easy against a vastly improved Rutgers defense but that's the challenge Brohm will face each time the two play-making receivers are in the lineup together.

"It's about making sure we're aggressive," Brohm said. "We look at creativity, we make sure the ball touches certain peoples' hands numerous times - no matter which way it is - and if you're trying to always throw downfield then you've got to get those touches."

Individually, Moore and Bell both possess incredible skill. But together, they give the Boilermakers (2-2) one of the nation's most explosive pass-catching tandems.

For opposing defenses, like the Scarlet Knights (1-4), it creates a huge headache - as coach Greg Schiano witnessed in his last trip to Ross-Ade Stadium.

Back in 2018, Schiano was Ohio State's defensive coordinator when Moore carved up the Buckeyes with 12 receptions for 170 yards and two scores, two carries for 24 yards, three kickoff returns for 46 yards and one punt return for 9 yards in Purdue's stunning 49-20 upset.

Schiano knows one thing hasn't changed.

"Offensively, they're explosive," he said. "They got Rondale Moore

back last week. He's one of the fastest, most explosive guys in college football, and they were already doing an excellent job on offense."

Bell's presence complicates matters. While Moore possesses break-away speed, Bell uses 6-foot-2, 205-pound frame to win jump balls and his strength to wrestle the ball from smaller defenders.

So Brohm's searching for a gameplan that features both.

"He plays hard, he made a lot of great plays (last week)," Brohm said when asked about Moore. "We got him the ball in space but we want to make sure we give him the ball in space and up the field, and we just have to continue to work on everybody's game to get better."

### He's back

Purdue quarterback Jack Plummer is expected to make his second straight start in place of Aidan O'Connell, who has an undisclosed injury.

Plummer started six games last season before suffering a season-ending broken right ankle. O'Connell took over after Plummer's injury, then won the starting job in camp. Plummer got his first action since the injury in last week's loss at Minnesota, going 35 of 42 with 367 yards and three touchdown passes. His one interception with less than a minute to go sealed the Golden Gophers victory.

"I thought Jack did a very good job and played with a lot of poise and composure," Brohm said. "Like every game there's a few things you'd like to take back and hang in there a little longer here and there, and maybe at the end of the game, you'd like to take a few things back."

## SCOREBOARD

### NFL

#### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	East				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	272 265
Miami	6	4	0	.600	264 202
New England	4	6	0	.400	209 238
N.Y. Jets	0	10	0	.000	149 302

#### South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	3	0	.700	276 208
Tennessee	7	3	0	.700	279 259
Houston	4	7	0	.364	268 297
Jacksonville	1	9	0	.100	202 298

#### North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	10	0	0	1.000	298 174
Cleveland	7	3	0	.700	238 261
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	268 195
Cincinnati	2	7	1	.250	213 270

#### West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	9	1	0	.900	321 214
Las Vegas	6	4	0	.600	286 276
Denver	4	6	0	.400	206 267
L.A. Chargers	3	7	0	.300	260 273

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	East				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Washington	4	7	0	.364	241 243
Phila.	3	6	1	.350	220 254
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	195 236
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	251 359

#### South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	8	2	0	.800	295 222
Tampa Bay	7	4	0	.636	320 253
Carolina	4	7	0	.364	253 272
Atlanta	3	7	0	.300	252 275

#### North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	308 258
Chicago	5	5	0	.500	501 209
Minnesota	4	6	0	.400	264 278
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	252 328

#### West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	7	3	0	.700	243 192
Seattle	7	3	0	.700	318 287
Arizona	6	4	0	.600	287 238
San Francisco	4	6	0	.400	238 234

#### Thursday's Games

Houston 41, Detroit 25  
Washington 41, Dallas 16

#### Sunday's Games

Arizona at New England, 1 p.m.  
Carolina at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
L.A. Chargers at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
Las Vegas at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
New Orleans at Denver, 4:05 p.m.  
San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m.  
Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

#### Monday's Game

Seattle at Phila., 8:15 p.m.

#### Tuesday's Game

Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

#### Sunday, Dec. 6

Cincinnati at Miami, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
Las Vegas at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
Washington at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
L.A. Rams at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.  
New England at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.  
Phila. at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.  
Denver at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m.  
Open: Carolina, Tampa Bay

#### Monday, Dec. 7

Dallas at Baltimore, 5 p.m.  
Buffalo at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### College Football Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 26  
Utha state 41, New Mexico 27

Friday, Nov. 27  
Liberty 45, UMass

Iowa St. 23, Texas 20  
Iowa 26, Nebraska 20  
UCF (5-3) at South Florida (1-7)  
Notre Dame (8-0) at UNC (6-2)  
Cent. Michigan (2-1) at E. Michigan (0-3)  
Wyoming (1-2) at UNLV (0-4)  
Stanford (0-2) at California (0-2)  
Oregon (3-0) at Oregon St. (1-2)

#### Saturday, Nov. 28

NC State (6-3) at Syracuse (1-8), Noon  
Kent St. (3-0) at Buffalo (3-0), Noon  
Kentucky (3-5) at Florida (6-1), Noon  
Georgia Southern (6-3) at GSU (4-4), Noon  
SMU (7-2) at East Carolina (4-6), Noon  
Maryland (2-1) at Indiana (4-1), Noon  
Ohio St. (4-0) at Illinois (2-3), Noon  
N. Illinois (0-3) at W. Michigan (3-0), Noon  
Ball St. (2-1) at Toledo (2-1), Noon  
Bowling Green (0-3) at Ohio (1-1), Noon  
Penn St. (0-5) at Michigan (2-3), Noon  
Vanderbilt (0-7) at Missouri (3-3), Noon  
Texas Tech (3-5) at Oklahoma St. (5-2), Noon  
Miami (Ohio) (1-1) at Akron (0-3), 1 p.m.  
UTEP (3-4) at Rice (1-2), 1 p.m.  
La.-Lafayette (7-1) at La.-Monroe (0-8), 3 p.m.  
S. Alabama (3-6) at A-State (3-6), 3 p.m.  
North Texas (3-3) at UTSA (6-4), 3 p.m.  
Coastal Carolina (8-0) at TX State (2-9), 3 p.m.  
FAU (5-1) at Middle Tenn. (3-6), 3:30 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (5-4) at Clemson (7-1), 3:30 p.m.  
Troy (4-4) at Appalachian St. (6-2), 3:30 p.m.  
Auburn (5-2) at Alabama (7-3), 3:30 p.m.  
NW (5-0) at Michigan St. (1-0), 3:30 p.m.  
Louisville (3-6) at Boston C. (5-4), 4 p.m.  
Mississippi St. (2-5) at Ole Miss (3-4), 4 p.m.  
Rutgers (1-4) at Purdue (2-2), 4 p.m.  
San Jose St. (4-0) at Boise St. (4-1), 4 p.m.  
Memphis (5-2) at Navy (3-4), 7 p.m.  
SDSU (3-2) at Colorado (2-0), 5 p.m.  
Duke (2-6) at Georgia Tech (2-5), 7 p.m.  
LSU (3-3) at Texas A&M (5-1), 7 p.m.  
Kansas St. (4-4) at Baylor (1-5), 7 p.m.  
Georgia (5-2) at SCAR (2-6), 7:30 p.m.  
Utah (0-1) at Washington (2-0), 7:30 p.m.  
Virginia (4-4) at Florida St. (2-3), 8 p.m.  
TCU (3-4) at Kansas (0-7), 8 p.m.  
Arizona (0-2) at UCLA (1-2), 8 p.m.  
Nevada (5-0) at Hawaii (2-3), 11 p.m.

#### Postponements and Cancellations

Oklahoma (6-2) at West Virginia (5-3), ppd.  
Miami (7-1) at Wake Forest (4-3), ppd.  
Wake Forest (4-3) at Louisville (3-6), ppd.  
Memphis (5-2) at Tulane (5-5), ppd.  
W. Kentucky (4-6) at Charlotte (2-3), ppd.  
Arkansas (3-5) vs. Missouri (3-3), ppd.  
Tennessee (2-5) at Vanderbilt (0-7), ppd.  
Tulsa (5-1) at Houston (3-3), ppd.  
Colorado State at Air Force, ccd.  
USM at UAB, ccd.  
SDSU at Fresno State, ccd.  
Washington at Washington St., ccd.  
Minnesota at Wisconsin, ccd.  
Cincinnati at Temple, ccd.  
Utah at Arizona St., ccd.

### Individual Team Schedules

#### NOTRE DAME (8-0)

Sept. 12 W 27-13 vs. Duke  
Sept. 19 W 52-0 vs. South Florida  
Oct. 10 W 42-28 vs. Florida State  
Sept. 26 at Wake Forest, ppd.  
Oct. 17 W 12-7 vs. Louisville  
Oct. 24 W 45-3 at Pittsburgh  
Oct. 31 W 31-13 at Georgia Tech  
Nov. 7 W 47-40 20T vs. Clemson  
Nov. 14 W 45-31 at Boston College  
Nov. 21 BYE  
Nov. 27 at North Carolina  
Dec. 5 Syracuse, 2:30 p.m. (NBC)  
Dec. 12 at Wake Forest, TBA

#### PURDUE (2-2)

Oct. 24 W 24-20 vs. Illinois  
Oct. 31 W 31-24 at Iowa  
Nov. 7 at Wisconsin, canc.  
Nov. 14 L 27-20 vs. Northwestern  
Nov. 21 L 34-31 at Minnesota  
Nov. 28 Rutgers, 4 p.m. (FS1)  
Dec. 5 Nebraska, TBA (BTN)  
Dec. 12 at Indiana, TBA

#### INDIANA (4-1)

Oct. 24 W 36-35 OT vs. Penn St.  
Oct. 31 W 37-21 at Rutgers  
Nov. 7 W 38-21 vs. Michigan  
Nov. 14 W 24-0 at Michigan St.  
Nov. 21 L 42-35 at Ohio St.  
Nov. 28 Maryland, Noon (ESPN2)  
Dec. 5 at Wisconsin, 3:30 p.m. (ABC)  
Dec. 12 Purdue, TBA

## Titans intend to challenge Colts short-handed run defense

By MICHAEL MAROT

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis spent all week preparing for Derrick Henry.

Facing the league's leading runner with a short-handed defensive line only makes the challenge more daunting.

With Pro Bowl defensive tackle DeForest Buckner out after being placed on the reserve/COVID-19 list earlier this week, starting defensive end Denico Autry still inactive after going on the COVID list last week and now starting linebacker Bobby Okereke ruled out with an ankle injury, coach Frank Reich isn't changing his tune. He's bringing back an old refrain for Sunday's game against Tennessee.

"This is normal in the NFL and good teams overcome it," he said Friday, referring to the three absences. "That's what we need to do. Sure,

every player is important and adds a unique combination to the game and when players go down, you miss them. But I've seen it happen so many times through the years, the good teams overcome it and that's what we need to do."

Especially with so much at stake.

Both teams are 7-3 and share the AFC South lead. Indy won this season's first contest, Nov. 12 on the Titans home turf, and a season sweep would give the Colts a one-game lead plus a tiebreaking season-sweep.

A victory by Tennessee would give the Titans a one-game lead with five to play, a split in the series and the current tiebreaking edge because of a better division record.

But without Buckner, Autry and Okereke, the league's second-stringest defense won't look the same - on paper - and some believe it could give the run-heavy Titans a significant advantage up front.

Henry doesn't buy it.

"I think they play very hard," the NFL's reigning rushing champ said. "They fly to the ball. (They are) guys that play great together collectively, good tacklers."

Reich believes those traits will continue to be on display despite being without their best run stuffer, leader in sacks and fourth-leading tackler.

Instead, the Colts defense believes only the name will change.

"There's no question," Pro Bowl linebacker Darius Leonard said when asked if the Colts would miss Buckner. "It is what it is. The other guys have to do the preparation because it's not one guy, it's 11 guys."

### Rivers running

Colts quarterback Philip Rivers returned to practice Friday, his first action since injuring the big toe on his right foot in last weekend's victory over Green Bay.

It appears Rivers will make his 235th consecutive start this weekend.

"I thought Philip looked good and had a good day out there," Reich said.

Rivers has not missed a start since 2006 when he became the starter for the Chargers, and Sunday's start would break a tie with Eli Manning for the 10th-most starts in league history. He would also tie Charles Woodson for ninth on that list.

### Running tandem

Rookie Jonathan Taylor and veteran Nyheim Hines have taken turns sharing the load out of the Colts' backfield.

Hines has 51 carries for 179 yards and two scores, 36 receptions for 296 yards and four TDs, and is one of nine players who has three or more multiple-touchdown games this season. He had one on the ground and another through the air in the last meeting with Tennessee.

Taylor rushed for 90 yards last week, leads the Colts with 518 yards rushing and four TD runs.





# Church Directory

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**Gospel Light Assembly of God**, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

**Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

## BAPTIST

**Emmanuel Free Will Baptist**, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

**Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

## CATHOLIC

**St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

## CHURCH OF GOD

**First Church of God**, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

**Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: [www.wabashchristian.org](http://www.wabashchristian.org). Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

## FRIENDS CHURCH

**Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for Church at Home, our live-streamed service, on Facebook on Sunday morning at 10:45AM. In person services are temporarily suspended.

## INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: [bachelorcreek.com](http://bachelorcreek.com); Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

## LUTHERAN

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! [tlcwabash@gmail.com](mailto:tlcwabash@gmail.com).

## UNITED METHODIST

**North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

**Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

**Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.





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Thanksgiving reminds us of the pilgrims of Plymouth, Massachusetts. They risked their lives crossing the Atlantic on the Mayflower, suffering disease and death on their long journey in search of a place where they could worship without being persecuted for their religious beliefs. Because those brave men and women paved the way for our religious freedom, we need only walk down the street or drive across town to worship. This week, won't you take time to gather with your faith community? Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

### Daily Bible Reading

Ezra	Ezra	Nehemiah	Nehemiah	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms
7:1-10	7:11-28	8:1-18	12:27-47	138	139	135

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